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Good evening,

At the peak of the demonstrations today, there were approximately 10,000 protesters in the downtown core. This included a couple of small counter-protest groups, the largest of which comprised about 750 people that had congregated around the Laurier Ave. West sidewalk outside of City Hall. The protests, overall, were without issue, and represented a “party” atmosphere, which will continue into the evening.

Additional traffic impacts were noted today, including the closure of a large part of Rideau Street. There were about 13 convoys that arrived today, and unfortunately, they refused to park in the designated overflow space; instead, they came into the city. There were also 7 Bobtails noted at one point this afternoon, driving around the vicinity of the Ottawa International Airport but there were no associated incidents.

The EOC is pleased to report that partners were able to successfully coordinate the relocation of 3 higher-risk home and community care clients out of the downtown core this morning and into alternate living arrangements. Only 3 of the 14 clients identified in this category decided to move out. On a less positive note, all of the traffic issues today resulted in significant delays to patient care in hospitals. Our hospital partners are following up to re-book missed appointments.

The EOC also focused today on supporting the NCRCC with various traffic management requests, as well as a plan to ensure the continued operation of the LRT, which is providing a vital transportation lifeline right now to many Ottawa residents. The NCRCC has secured police support based on a list of pre-determined requirements provided by LRT staff.

The party is expected to continue into the evening and tomorrow. OPS, the NCRCC, and the EOC are planning for Sunday to proceed much like today did.

Finally, progress was made this evening on dismantling the structure that had been erected by protesters on the QED, near Confederation Park. That structure, which had been functioning as a kitchen, has now been pulled off the site.

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